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For: ENDOTRACHEAL CATHETER AND  
MANIFOLD ASSEMBLY WITH IMPROVED  
VALVE

## Petition for One-Month Extension of Time

Commissioner For Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

An Office Action which, on its face, granted a three (3) month period of time in which to respond thereto was mailed on March 31, 2006, with respect to the above-identified presently pending application. Accordingly, the shortened statutory period for response was set to end on June 30, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), Applicants hereby request a one (1) month extension of time in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action. Thus, the period of response is to be extended until July 30, 2006.

Please charge the \$120.00 fee (fee code 1251) for this extension of time designated by 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(1) to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. This extension request is submitted in duplicate.

The undersigned may be reached at: (770) 587-8621.

Respectfully submitted,

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